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ance for Boiling Iron De- manded by the Amalga- mated Association.

NY BIG CHANGES ASKED.

Lodges Make a Number of Very Important Suggestions.

IN PLATE SCALE PROPOSED.

sets Now Under Consideration at the Ironworkers' Convention.

FOR A SHORT SESSION

ide from the vexatious problem—the question—the Amalgamated Associa- tion a number of unusually important items to act upon this year that have

before been brought up. The con- vention has completed its routine work and today began the important busi- ness prepared by the general officers, which

includes suggestions of such subordinate as desired changes either in the con- tention of the association or the scale of 92. Among the most important sug- gessions and for the adoption of which

efforts will be made, are: First, to change the scale of 92 to a two year scale; second, to with- draw from the American Federation of Ironworkers, the price of boiling be this year at \$6, instead of at \$5 20

at present, and fourth, that Sunday be avoided by beginning work on lay evening instead of Monday morn- ing.

General officers of the association con- sidered the following questions of im- portance to be submitted to the gen- eral convention for consideration:

1.—That there be a revision of the constitution that governs those departments where

agreements have been made, at furnace rolls in both iron and steel mills, which

increased the output to such an extent that it may cause difficulties in some of our departments to arise in the employment of our employees?

2.—The question of strike benefits. It is proposed that the system of paying strike benefits to members on strike for the strike scale continue, where the mills or furnaces which strike for the same exist

has been running from three to five with "black sheep" through which

all material can be produced after that 30 days of time to prolong the strike, and the

scale paid thereafter cannot accomplish purpose desired by the association?

3.—Will it be judicious on the part of the association to have all scales signed for or more years?

4.—Probably one of the most important sug- gessions made relative to a change in the situation is offered by Mansfield Valley

of No. 12, of Mansfield. It is: That the Conference Committee fail to

accept the acceptance on the part of the manufacturers of the scale as adopted by the

association, the scale shall be referred back to sub-lodges for further action, said

to be final.

5.—The reason for offering such a change is stated in a very few words. Many mem- bers of the association have come to the

convention that it is little use to spend \$50,000 a year on a convention, unless

some can be adopted embodying the scale committee prepares a scale, it

to the convention where the delegates

their say and adopt such changes as

desired; it goes to the Conference Com- mittee which gets just as much as it

can from the manufacturers. The idea of the

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tion is calculated to drive trade to the others. Brubaker Lodge, of Muncie, also

joins in the request for the repeal of the law requiring the two weeks' stop, while

Wash Lodge No. 3, Terre Haute, Ind., wants the summer stop increased from two

weeks to four.

Many New Extras Are Demanded. In the revision of the scale for this year

there are more changes desired than ever before. There is also a piling up of

additional "extras" which adds greatly to the manifold complications in the scale. In

the memorandum agreement, Lodge No. 61, of Pennsylvania, desires the new

scale added last year changed so as to provide that the time in scrapping and

handing, also in finishing departments, shall in no case exceed 9 hours, instead of 9

hours and 15 minutes as at present, from the time the mill begins to roll until the

first furnace commences to charge the last heat. This was a point upon which the

Conference Committee disputed a long time last year. No. 30, Ohio, desires that no

forwards shall be charged after 10 o'clock noon Saturday.

There is not much of a disposition to change the piddling scale, although the

convention is bound to consider the request for a scale. It is only made by No. 11,

of Pennsylvania, while No. 13 and 29, of Pennsylvania, desire that the price remain

as it is. The same lodge also desires that the extra for boiling be changed to read that single furnaces shall be

charged with more than 500 pounds of the heat, instead of 450 as at present.

No. 35, Ohio, insists that no reduction be accepted in the boiling department; No. 3,

Indiana, that four heats shall constitute a day's work on Saturday; No. 2, Alabama, that no extra is required, either one

or under, the same to be 50 cents per ton extra for boiling.

In the muck or puddle mill, No. 26, Ohio, wants the new clause added that break down

prices be paid for rolling all fagots and piles on a muck mill train. No. 1, Indiana,

desires that where muck mills burn out less than 25 tons per day, or two high mill that

the company pay the drag out.

No changes are proposed in the scrapping and bushing scale, but the association

will be compelled to take some action to offset the manufacturers' request for a

reduction of 20 per cent in this department. There is not likely to be much trouble

over the scale for knocking and heating slabs and shingling as neither the manu- facturers or workmen suggest a change.

The same is true of the bar mill scale so far as the workmen are concerned.

New Scale for 13-inch Mills. Lodge No. 67, Pennsylvania, wants the

following adopted as an entire new scale for a 12-inch mill:

This scale is based on the bar mill scale of the American Federation of Ironworkers, 12-inch mills shall be governed by the

following schedule: The base price at a 2-cent Western Iron Association's card shall be

the straight \$2 per ton for rolling guide mill sizes on a 12-inch mill, with 2 per cent

additional for each 10 advance on said card 2 to 2.50 per ton, 2.50 to 3.00 per ton, 3.00 to 3.50 per ton, 3.50 to 4.00 per ton, 4.00 to 4.50 per ton, 4.50 to 5.00 per ton, 5.00 to 5.50 per ton, 5.50 to 6.00 per ton, 6.00 to 6.50 per ton, 6.50 to 7.00 per ton, 7.00 to 7.50 per ton, 7.50 to 8.00 per ton, 8.00 to 8.50 per ton, 8.50 to 9.00 per ton, 9.00 to 9.50 per ton, 9.50 to 10.00 per ton, 10.00 to 10.50 per ton, 10.50 to 11.00 per ton, 11.00 to 11.50 per ton, 11.50 to 12.00 per ton, 12.00 to 12.50 per ton, 12.50 to 13.00 per ton, 13.00 to 13.50 per ton, 13.50 to 14.00 per ton, 14.00 to 14.50 per ton, 14.50 to 15.00 per ton, 15.00 to 15.50 per ton, 15.50 to 16.00 per ton, 16.00 to 16.50 per ton, 16.50 to 17.00 per ton, 17.00 to 17.50 per ton, 17.50 to 18.00 per ton, 18.00 to 18.50 per ton, 18.50 to 19.00 per ton, 19.00 to 19.50 per ton, 19.50 to 20.00 per ton, 20.00 to 20.50 per ton, 20.50 to 21.00 per ton, 21.00 to 21.50 per ton, 21.50 to 22.00 per ton, 22.00 to 22.50 per ton, 22.50 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